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**ONLY HEAD LIBRARIANS AND CHAIRMEN
OF LIBRARY BOARDS RECEIVE NEWS LETTER
FOR PUBLIC LIBRARIANS. PLEASE SEE THAT
EACH ISSUE IS ROUTED TO ALL STAFF MEM-
BERS AND BOARD MEMBERS.**

PLAN TO ATTEND SCLA CONFERENCE

The fortieth annual meeting of the South Carolina Library Association will be held November 3-4, 1961, at the Francis Marion Hotel in Charleston.

The program given below has been planned by Nancy Jane Day, President, and the Executive Board.

Thursday, November 2

7:00-9:00 p. m.	Pre-Conference Registration
7:30 p. m.	Pre-Conference Meeting of Executive Committee-- Garden Room

Friday, November 3

9:00 a. m.	Registration, Continuous until completed--Colonial Room
9:00-11:00 a. m.	Exhibits--Colonial Room
11:00 a. m.	General Session--Harbor and Marion Rooms
12:30 p. m.	Luncheon, Trustee-Public Library Sections--Gold Room
2:30 p. m.	College and University Section--The Citadel Library Public Library-Trustee Sections--Charleston County Library School Library Section--Francis Marion Hotel--Marion Room
4:00-6:00 p. m.	Tea--The Citadel Library

6:30-8:00 p. m. Exhibits
7:30-8:00 p. m. Sherry (The Medical College of South Carolina
and The Charleston Library Society)--Gold Room
Foyer
8:00 p. m. Dinner--Gold Room

Saturday, November 4

10:30 a. m. General Session--Harbor and Marion Room
12:30 p. m. Luncheon--Gold Room

Speakers are as follows:

General Session, Friday morning at 11:00 a. m. - Mr. Edmon Low,
Librarian, Oklahoma State University

Trustee-Public Library Sections luncheon on Friday - Mrs. Annis Duff,
Executive Director of Junior Books for Viking Press.

Dinner, Friday night - Dr. Ernest M. Lander, Jr., Professor of
English, University of South Carolina

Luncheon, Saturday - Mr. Claude Henry Neuffer, Professor of English,
University of South Carolina

LANCASTER COUNTY LIBRARY BUILDING FUND

The Lancaster County Library Board has announced the establishment of a private, charitable trust, to be known as the Lancaster County Library Building Fund, and to be administered by Mrs. H. C. Floyd, Mrs. Ben C. Hough, A. Z. F. Wood and The Lancaster Trust Company, as trustees.

The object of the trust will be to accept gifts and donations from all sources, to invest and administer all such funds, and to devote them to improvements in the existing library building and to the construction of a new and more adequate library building when the trustees, in their discretion, consider it feasible to do so.

At the time of the announcement, approximately \$175.00 in memory of Robbie J. Horton, former Lancaster County Librarian, and others, had been contributed to the fund.

The board approved the trust fund at its regular quarterly meeting on July 17. At this meeting a resolution in tribute to Miss Horton was adopted.

GREENVILLE LIBRARY BUILDING COSTS ESTIMATED AT OVER ONE MILLION

J. Russell Bailey, library consultant, estimates that an adequate Greenville County Library building should contain 69,000 square feet with the cost running over \$1,000,000.

Mr. Bailey's services were made available through the efforts of the Friends of the Library, and he feels that the support of this group should insure the success of the undertaking.

Mr. Bailey pointed out the importance for a centrally located site which would allow library patrons to combine shopping with their visits to the library.

At this stage, the building program calls for the development of ten urban and suburban branch libraries.

The purchase of two additional bookmobiles is also being considered.

BCIP FROM THIS END; OR, VERSE OR WORSE

Oh, joy! to find an order that's according to Hoyle.
Nothing forgotten that will make the blood boil!
They cited sources with dates of listed books.
Otherwise, we'd be searching in crannies and nooks.
This order's on time and it makes us so merry
That it's not the one that's due in January.
Some orders don't show from what source they'll be got
And no estimate's made of the price of the lot.
On some invoices, the authors aren't shown;
Which causes delay and a deep drawn moan.
We realize the plight the librarian's in
But it works both ways, both ways, my friend.

THE WELCOME MAT

Mary Aiken, recent graduate of the Florida State University Library School, has assumed her duties of librarian of the Pickens County Library, Easley, S. C.

Mrs. Paul Belk is acting librarian of the Lancaster County Library.

Mrs. Miriam Guthrie has been appointed librarian of the Belton Library, a branch of the Anderson County Library.

Mrs. John A. Johnson, an Emory graduate, is directing work with young people at the Spartanburg Public Library

Mrs. Charles Kelley is librarian of the Lake City Public Library.

Mrs. Gabe Rouquie, graduate of Pratt Institute School of Library Science, is head of the Children's Services of the Spartanburg Public Library.

Louise Stem, who received her degree from the Florida State University Library School, is the librarian of the Oconee County Library, Walhalla, S. C.

Mrs. Marguerite G. Thompson, former librarian of the Colleton County Library, became librarian of the Florence Public Library on September 15.

CHECKLIST FOR LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Lowell Martin, Vice-President and Educational Director of the Grolier Society, Inc., spoke to the library trustees during the American Library Trustee Institute at Cleveland this summer concerning responsibilities of library trustees. He opened his talk with a list of subjects and asked the trustees to grade themselves. This list could apply to librarians and library-minded citizens as well as library trustees. Here is the list of subjects which every librarian and library trustee should be concerned with and we hope that you will grade yourself. Each subject is worth ten points--five for knowledge and five for action. As Dr. Martin pointed out "knowledge without action means very little."

1. Housekeeping
2. Legislation--legal basis of the library
3. Library standards
4. Financial and budget development
5. Personnel program of the library
6. Preserving freedom to read and preventing censorship of reading
7. Public relations--general promotion of the library
8. Work with other libraries
9. Relation of local library to state library programs
10. National program of library service

—Oklahoma State Library. (Library Extension Division Newsletter), Vol. 9, No. 18.

SELLING POINT

A bookseller in New York upped the sales of Louisa May Alcott's "Little Women" by putting a pile of the books in his window, topped by a vivid poster proclaiming "four young girls tell all."

—Columbia (S. C.) State and Record, September 10, 1961

GREENVILLE TO IMPROVE AND EXPAND LIBRARY SERVICE

The trustees of the Greenville Public Library have approved the extension of hours of service at three branch libraries, establishment of two new branches, and the purchase of two additional bookmobiles.

At their regular monthly meeting on September 26, the Board also took action to extend bookmobile service to communities within the city limits.

Greer, Simpsonville, and Fountain Inn are the branches which will increase hours of service and new branches will be established at Travelers Rest and Mauldin.

Only repairs necessary for the safety and preservation of the contents of the building and to provide the best service under the circumstances are contemplated for the main library. Moderate improvements will include necessary repairs, painting, and more adequate lighting. The McBee Avenue Branch will be repaired and painted.

The Board decided on this program of expanded services by adopting a report from the library services committee, headed by T. M. Verdin, Jr.

READING LIST FOR CONTINENTAL CLASSROOM

Continental Classroom's new college-level television course, "The Structure and Functions of American Government," calls for a considerable amount of required and supplementary reading.

These reading lists are being checked at the State Library Board. Titles not now in the Interlibrary Loan Collection will be obtained if they are available.

The course, which began on September 25 and will run through next May, is televised Monday through Friday from 6:30 to 7:00 a. m. It is carried over WJBF, Augusta; WSOC, Charlotte; WSAV, Savannah; WCSC, Charleston; WFBC, Greenville; and WIS, Columbia.

SURVEY OF MANNING LIBRARY PATRONS

The Civic League of Manning, which sponsors the Manning Library, recently made an informal survey to determine the value of the library to its users.

Mrs. Julian Weinberg, Jr. accepted chairmanship of the Civic League membership committee because the library is a necessity to her and because of her interest in the welfare of Manning.

RECENT DEVELOPMENTS—COUNCIL ON LIBRARY RESOURCES

Grants Provide For Work In Microtext Field, Evaluation Of Record Players For Library Use

Two grants, totaling \$24,480 have been made to the Library Technology Project of the American Library Association for evaluation of library-type record players and investigation of methods and equipment for producing full-size, hard paper copies from microtext, according to the Council on Library Resources, Inc.

William R. Hawken, of Berkeley, California, has been commissioned to undertake a project to determine the basic principles involved in print-out from microtext and to evaluate present processes, methods, and equipment for producing full-size, hard paper copies from such text. Mr. Hawken is now completing a similar investigation for the Library Technology Project, covering methods and equipment for full scale photocopying from bound books. The sum of \$19,380 has been appropriated for the investigation, which is expected to be completed in approximately ten months.

For the guidance of librarians who purchase record players for library use, the Library Technology Project has arranged with Consumers' Research, Washington, New Jersey, for an evaluation of the better known makes and models of both monaural and binaural record players designed for earphone listening. The testing program, for which \$5,100 has been appropriated, is expected to be completed in approximately six months.

Grant Made For Development Of Safer Storage Boxes For Archival Material

A \$25,194 grant for development of archival boxes which will provide safer storage for valuable papers in libraries, archives and historical societies is reported by the Council on Library Resources, Inc.

The project is co-sponsored by the American Library Association, the Library Technology Project of which will administer the project, and the Public Archives Commission, State of Delaware.

The Institute of Paper Chemistry, Appleton, Wisconsin, will do the research involved, investigating boxes now in use and seeking to develop a box which will have in some degree the following characteristics: fire resistance, moisture resistance, reduced acidity (to retard deterioration of the papers stored in the boxes), and insect repellancy.

ARE YOU A GOOD CITIZEN?

("Are You a Good Citizen," outlining the functions of a state agency, is a regular feature of the State Service Magazine, the quarterly publication of the South Carolina State Employees Association. The following will appear in the next issue.)

DID YOU KNOW?

1. That the South Carolina State Library Board was established in 1929 and charged with the responsibility of extending and improving public library service throughout the state?
2. That the State Library Board has promoted the establishment of library service on a county or regional basis with the result that only five counties, Bamberg, Chesterfield, Clarendon, McCormick and Williamsburg, lack countywide library service?
3. That State Aid is available to each county library with additional grants to counties which unite to form a regional library?
4. That 53 bookmobiles travel the roads of the state on regular schedules supplying informational and recreational reading to children and adults in rural areas?
5. That the State Library Board, through its reference and interlibrary loan service, drawing on its extensive collection of books, periodicals and microfilm, supplies every public library in the state with the information or the rare, expensive or technical books requested by the local reader?
6. That the State Library Board has established a collection of the essential books in South Carolina history in a library in each of the six Congressional districts for the use of all residents of that district?
7. That the State Library Board, in cooperation with the public libraries of the state, conducts a summer program through which college juniors and seniors work in a public library to gain experience which may guide them in choosing librarianship as their profession?
8. That during the coming year the State Library Board is allocating \$95,000 to fifteen county and regional libraries to improve their book collections?
9. That the State Library Board sponsors institutes to train library assistants so they can provide better service to patrons of the public libraries of the state?
10. That the State Library Board is offering five scholarships for graduate library training to South Carolinians who agree to return to work in a county or regional library in the state?
11. That South Carolina's public library service has gained national recognition as one of the outstanding library programs in the United States?

HERE AND THERE IN SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTIES

Edgefield County

The Edgefield County Library, a member of the Aiken-Barnwell-Edgefield Regional Library, published a list, "Recommended Pre-College Reading," primarily for assisting high school students in their summer reading. Students may obtain a record of their reading for inclusion in their official high school record.

Kershaw County

Mrs. W. L. Goodale and Mrs. R. W. Lloyd have been appointed to the Kershaw County Library Board.

Spartanburg County

The Spartanburg Public Library inaugurated a Great Books Discussion on September 7.

Sumter County

The trustees of the Sumter Carnegie Public Library have voted to cooperate in the program of the North Carolina-South Carolina Regional Library for the Blind. Chapman J. Milling, Librarian, announced that the library will act as a clearing-house for information about the program and will help blind readers select material from the available talking books and other material for the visually handicapped.

YOUR PROBLEMS by Anne Library

Dear Anne:

I was seething with anger earlier this week when I overheard two fastidious housekeepers criticising the ragged condition of our books. I was crushed when they laughed and said that half of them had probably come over on the Mayflower.

Just let those same ladies need material for a club program, and they'll welcome anything I can drag out no matter what condition it is in.

I have always held that worn books show they've been read. The books in my library wear this medal proudly!

What should I do to point this out to these troublemakers?

Wounded Librarian

Dear Wounded:

You could certainly learn a good lesson in housekeeping from these ladies. Your vivid description of "dragging out" materials makes me cringe. Heaven knows what comes out with them! Imagine what a garden would look like that is never weeded or a house without trash cans.

Some of these "Mayflower books" may be valuable, but some of them are totally useless. A librarian's prayer might well be for "the wisdom to know the difference." If you are in doubt, call on the State Library Board for help.

The old idea of the librarian as a keeper of books is strictly passé. The modern librarian must operate the library efficiently and not allow book shelves to become crowded and unattractive with out-of-date and ragged books.

The badges your worn books have earned are seen only by librarians. Although it's gratifying to you, patrons will seldom be impressed by their length of service. Rebound books are much more effective. I suspect, however, that many of your "old soldiers" have seen all the "action" for which they are useful. They deserve retirement instead of "fading away!"

Anne

NEW CHAIRMAN OF STATE LIBRARY BOARD

Hugh Willcox of Florence is the chairman of the State Library Board. He succeeds the late M. G. Patton of St. George.

Mrs. Hagood Bostick of Columbia is secretary of the Board whose other members are Mrs. Angus Macaulay of Chester and Mrs. Albert D. Oliphant of Greenville.

HEAVY DUTY ELECTRIC ERASER

Capital City Photo Copy Company, 908 Main Street, Columbia, S. C., has the Bruning electric erasing machine (No. 3831) for \$22.55 (less \$1.55 if excise tax exemption certificate is included with the order). This machine is for use where a heavy duty eraser is needed.

CAROLINIANA

Huss, John E., Senator for the South: A Biography of Olin D. Johnston.
Doubleday, 4. 95. (Publication date: October 6)

Lanier, Richard N., He Gave His Enemy Drink at Fredericksburg. \$1. 00.
This life of Richard Kirkland, Confederate hero of Camden, S. C., in pamphlet form, is available in limited numbers at the Camden office of John K. deLoache, Jr., attorney and treasurer of the Kershaw County Historical Society, and from Mrs. Floyd Boykin, Boykin Furniture Company, Camden, S. C. Mrs. Boykin is president of the local U. D. C.

May, John A. and Faunt, Joan R., South Carolina Fights; The Palmetto State in the Confederate War 1861-1865. South Carolina Confederate War Centennial Commission.

A copy of this brochure, which contains a brief summary of South Carolina's participation in the war, activities connected with the centennial commemoration and a bibliography and reading list, may be obtained from the Centennial Commission, 904 Carolina Life Bldg., Columbia, S. C.

The Greenwood County Historical Society has for sale two items of historical interest:

Sheppard, William Arthur; Red Shirt Remembered, Southern Brigadiers of the Reconstruction Period. Atlanta. Ruralist Press. \$5. 00.

Watson, Louise; Old Ninety Six, Star Fort and Cambridge. (Illustrated pamphlet). \$1. 00.

Order from McCaslan's Book Store, Greenwood, S. C. Prices include mailing charge. The usual library discount applies to the book.

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